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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication mailed July 28, 2005. Full consideration of Applicants' April 26, 2005 Amendment and Response and the following remarks is respectfully requested. This Response is timely as August 28th was a Sunday.

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In the July 28, 2005 Office Communication, the Examiner asserts that Applicants' April 26, 2005 Amendment and Response is not fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. The Examiner contends that Applicants did not respond to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 set forth in section 4 of that Action.

The Examiner apparently believes that there is justification for deeming Applicants' response incomplete, because it did not address the issues in the exact order that they were found in the outstanding Office Action and on a "point-by-point" basis. However, it is Applicants' belief that, even though they did not divide their response to these particular rejections into two separate sections corresponding to the two separate sections found in the outstanding Office Action, they did address all of the §101 rejections in section VI of their response.

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Notwithstanding the fact that their last response should have been considered complete in the first place, in the interest of avoiding further delays in prosecution Applicants provide on the following three pages a new, separate set of remarks under the heading "Rejection under U.S.C. §101 (Non-Statutory Invention)."